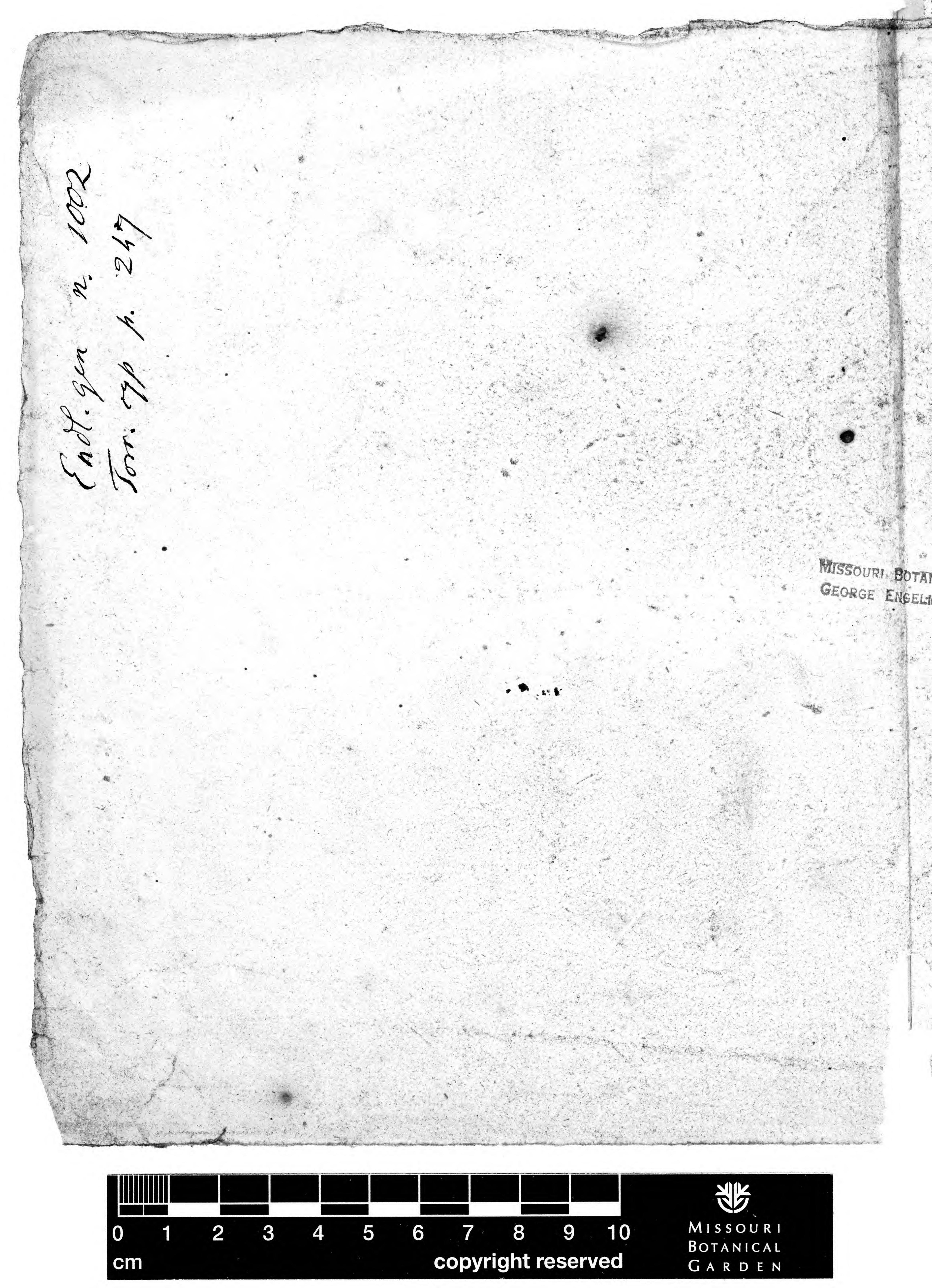
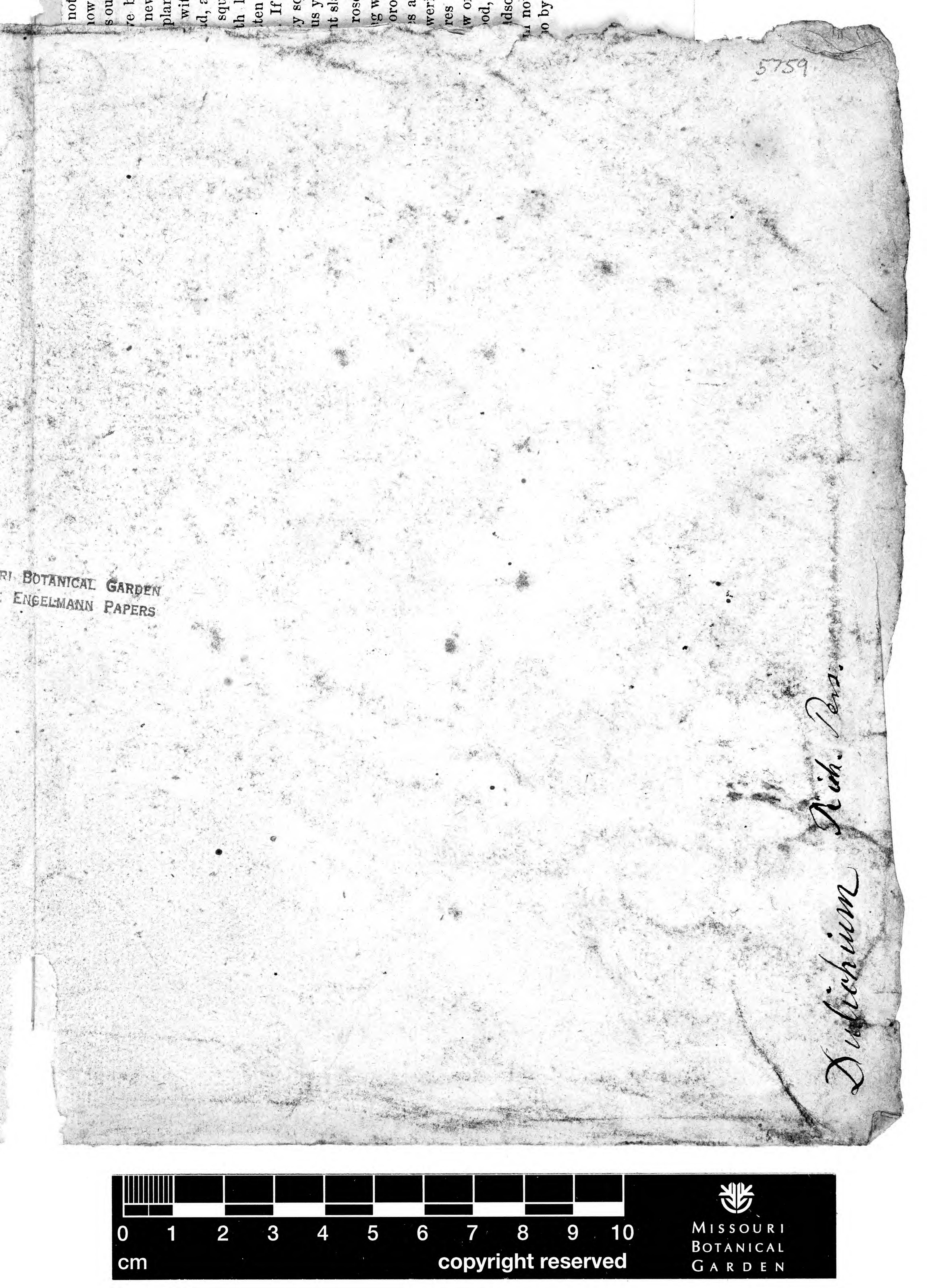
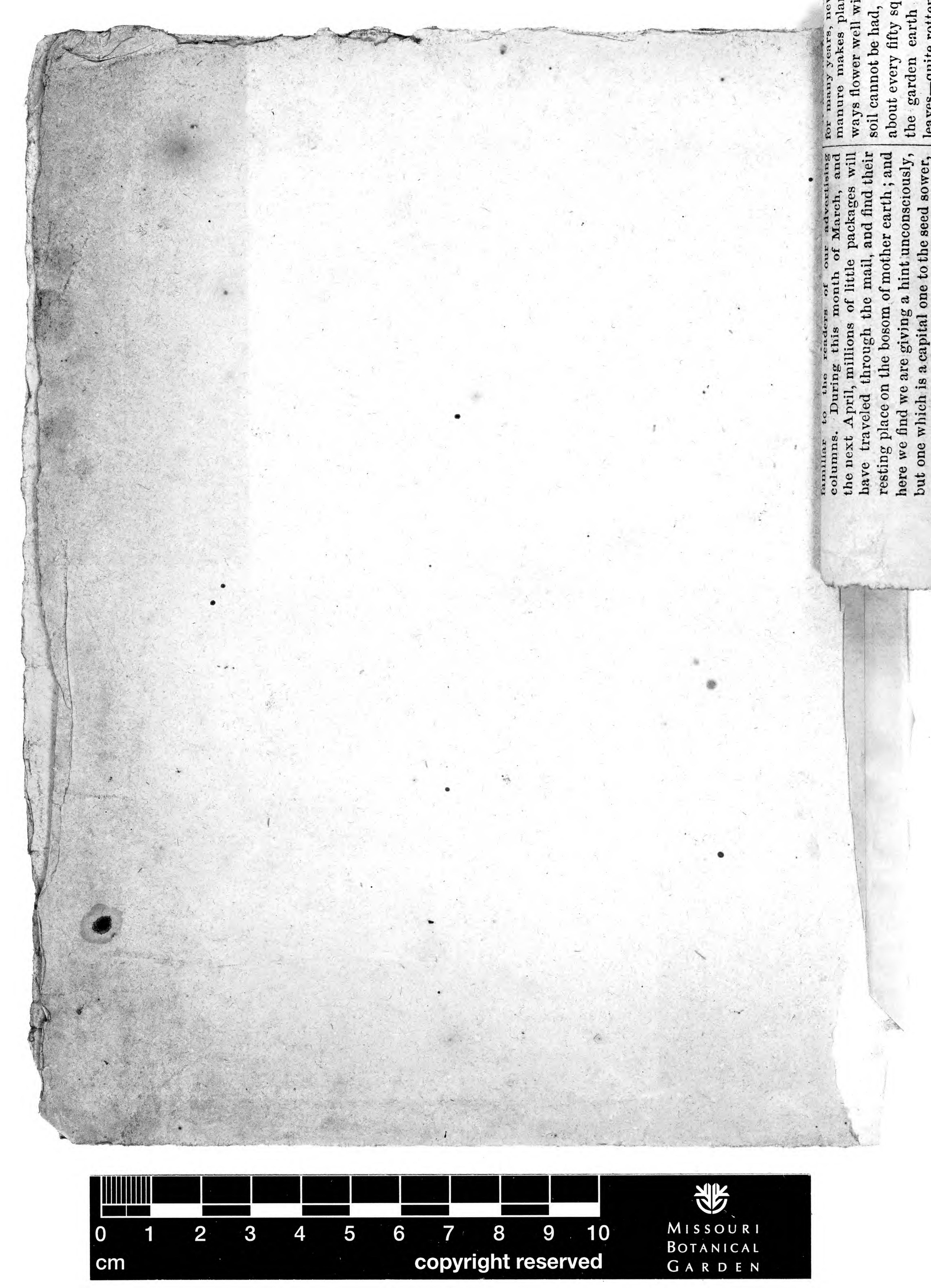


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been growing in the ground w soil does wonders. Rich ants grow, but they do not al-

ways flower well with vigorous growth. If new soil cannot be had, a wheelbarrow of manure to about every fifty square feet will be enough. If the garden earth looks grey or yellow, rotten leaves—quite rotten leaves—will improve it. If heavy, add sand. If very sandy, add salt—about half a pint to fifty square feet. If very black or rich from previous year's manurings, use a little lime, about a pint slacked to fifty square feet.

Prune shrubs, roses and vines. Those which flower from young wood, cut in severely to make new growth vigorous. Tea, China, Bourbon and Noisette roses are of this class. What are called annual flowering Roses, as Prairie Queen and so on, requires lots of last year's wood to make a good show of flowers Hence, with these, thin out weak wood, and leave all the stronger.

To make handsome, shapely specimens of shrubs, cut them now into the forms you want, and keep them so by pulling out all shoots that

columns. During this mount ... the next April, millions of little packages will have traveled through the mail, and find their resting place on the bosom of mother earth; and here we find we are giving a hint unconsciously, but one which is a capital one to the seed sower, namely, to sow the flower seeds on the surface, and not beneath it. Much of the ill luck with them comes from rotting in the ground. A rain comes after sowing, and if the seed has partly swelled, it easily rots by being a few hours under water. To avoid this, sow on the surface, and close the earth over with a trowel. It is even a benefit to make a little mound of a half-inch or so, before sowing. Then it will make no difference if the rain continue for a week, the seeds will always be above the level, and never get saturated. Another little thing, often neglected by seed sowers, is to mark the place where the seeds are sown. A little stick set in will always be found useful, as all who have not done so will readily understand. In olden times this was

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is the time to procure a supply. They do well in any rich garden soil that is not too dry. The Lilliputian, or Pompone class are still popular for conservatory or pot culture, but the large flowering kinds still remain the gems of the open

Hyacinths, Tulips, Liliums, and other hardy ulbs set out in the fall, and covered through he winter, should be occasionally examined, and when they show signs of active growth, nust be uncovered, in this latitude this is not afe until towards the end of the month.

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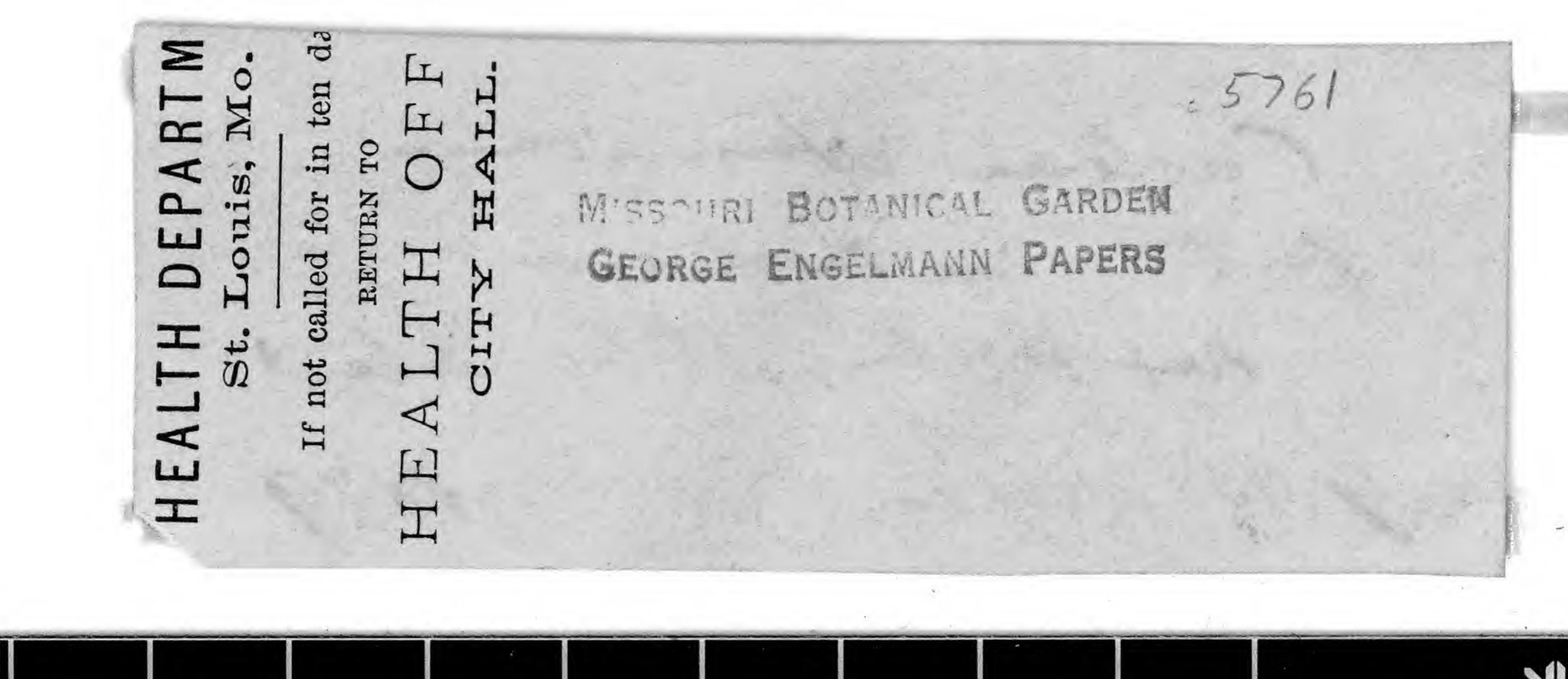
known in nurseries as frozen sap blight. In this case, just as the leaves are pushing, the branches will have spots of slimy black, and the leaves often have this appearance also. The only remedy is to cut back below any of these appearances.

of strong the end quently trellisses, should have their pruning finished before warm spring days set in, or they will bleed. It does not injure them much, but it looks bad. young of and vigorous growth. shoots weak, cut them of the vine. It does not injure them much, but it looks bad. The pruning must be regulated by the condition modified, is best for arb new set of canes every cut out the weaker come nothing Grape vines in stronger and of of canes every year or two. If, as fre-happens from bad management, all the shoots of the strong-bearing If the ones. vines, and the s, and these latter have be-long, ropy-looking apologies generally. last season's growth exists, The ones, so as to leave enough vines are young and then all back, to make a new open air, If already a fair quantity ors cane system, slightly s and trellisses in the these Mood and This implies a on arbors exists only and and be-

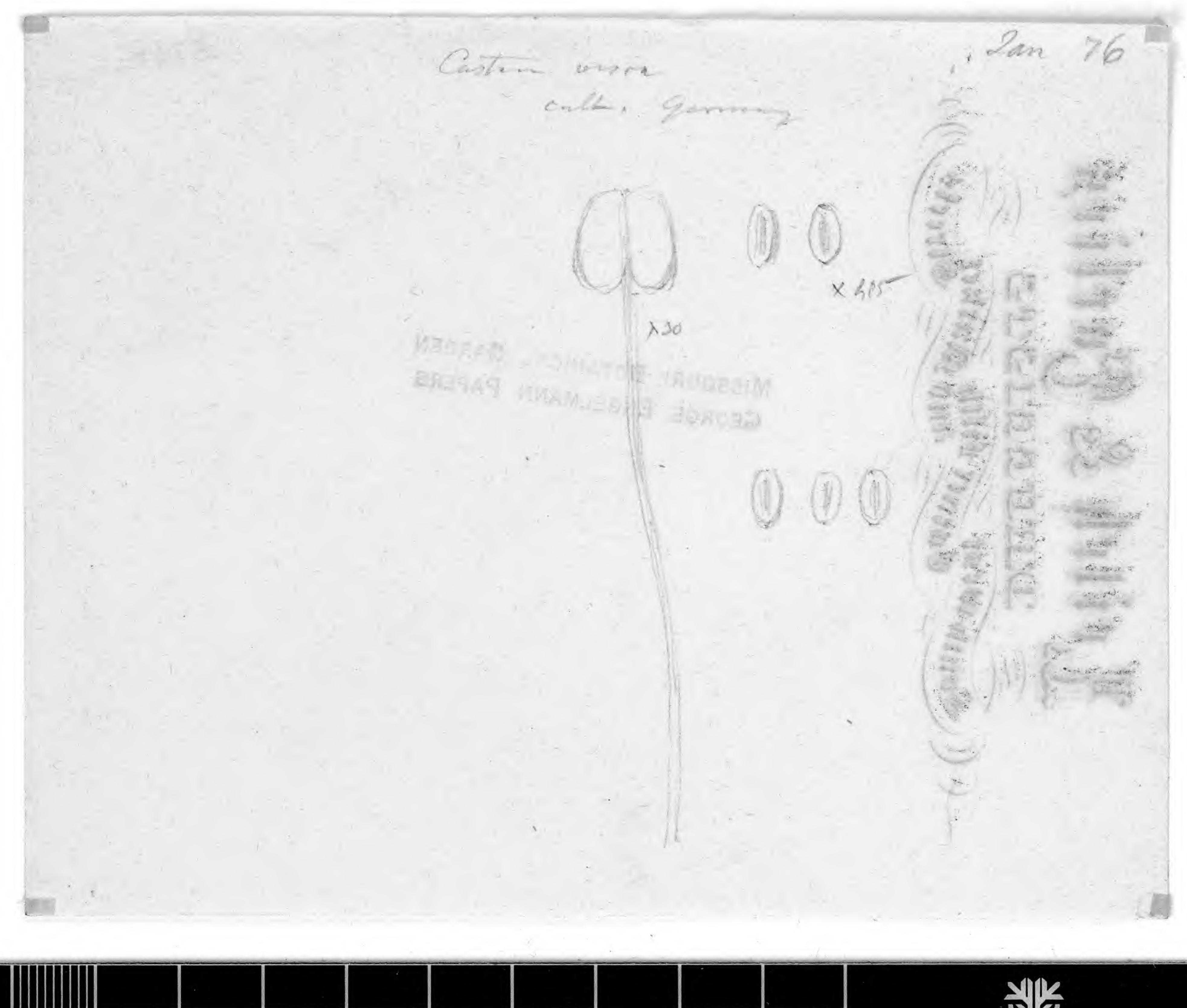
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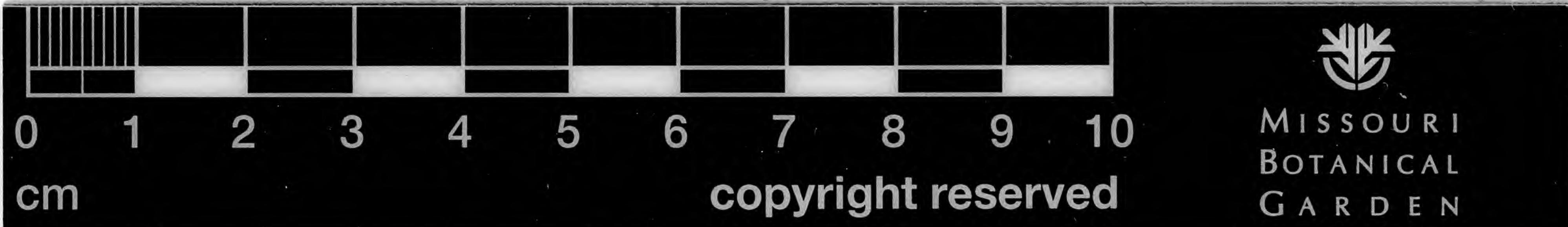
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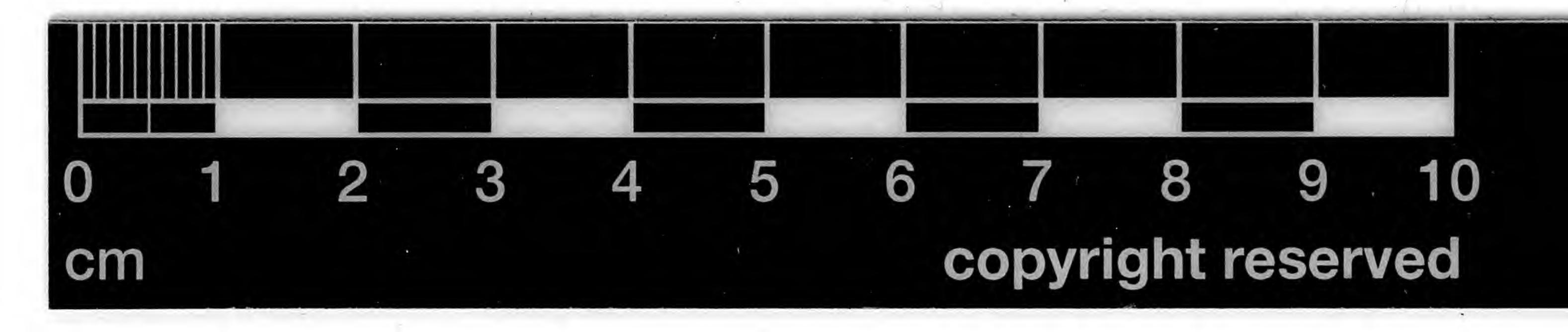




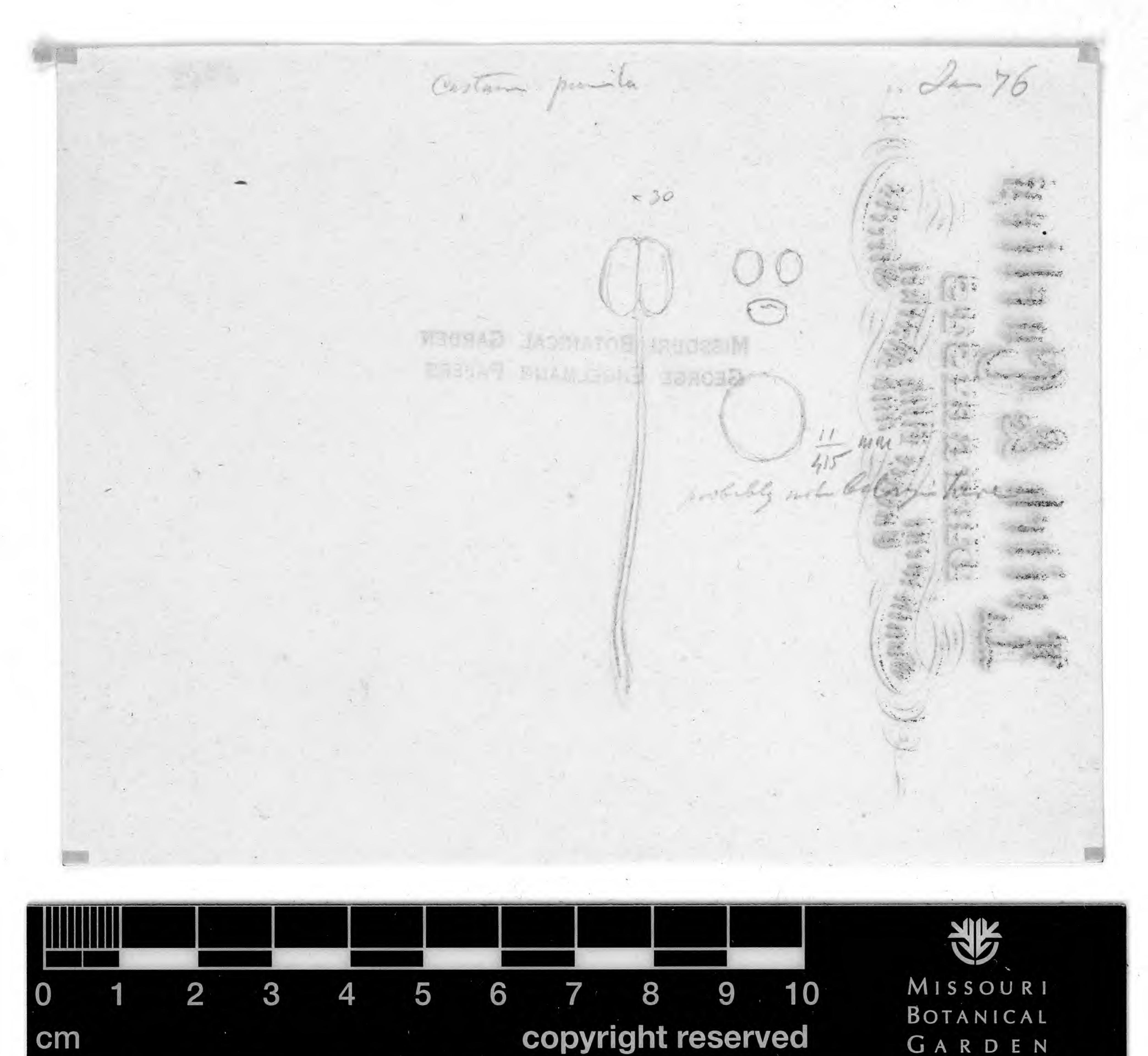




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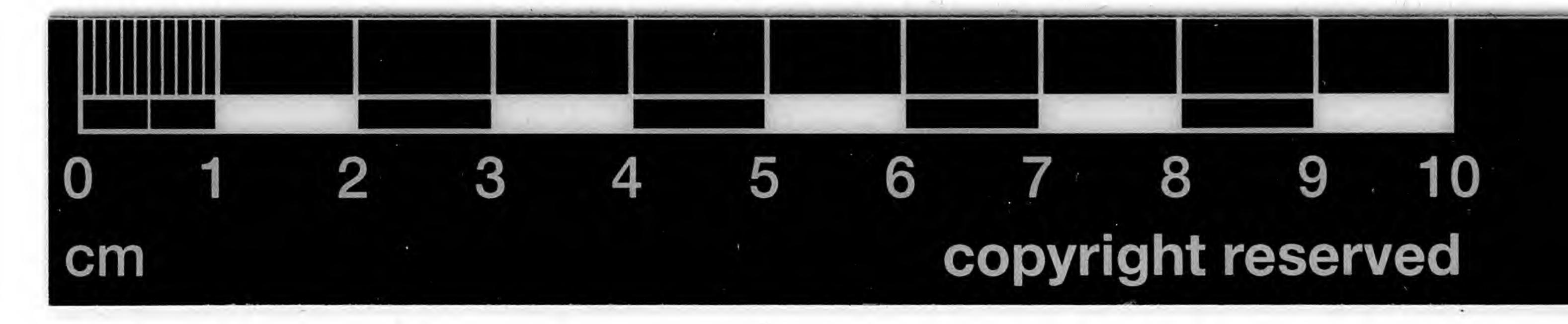
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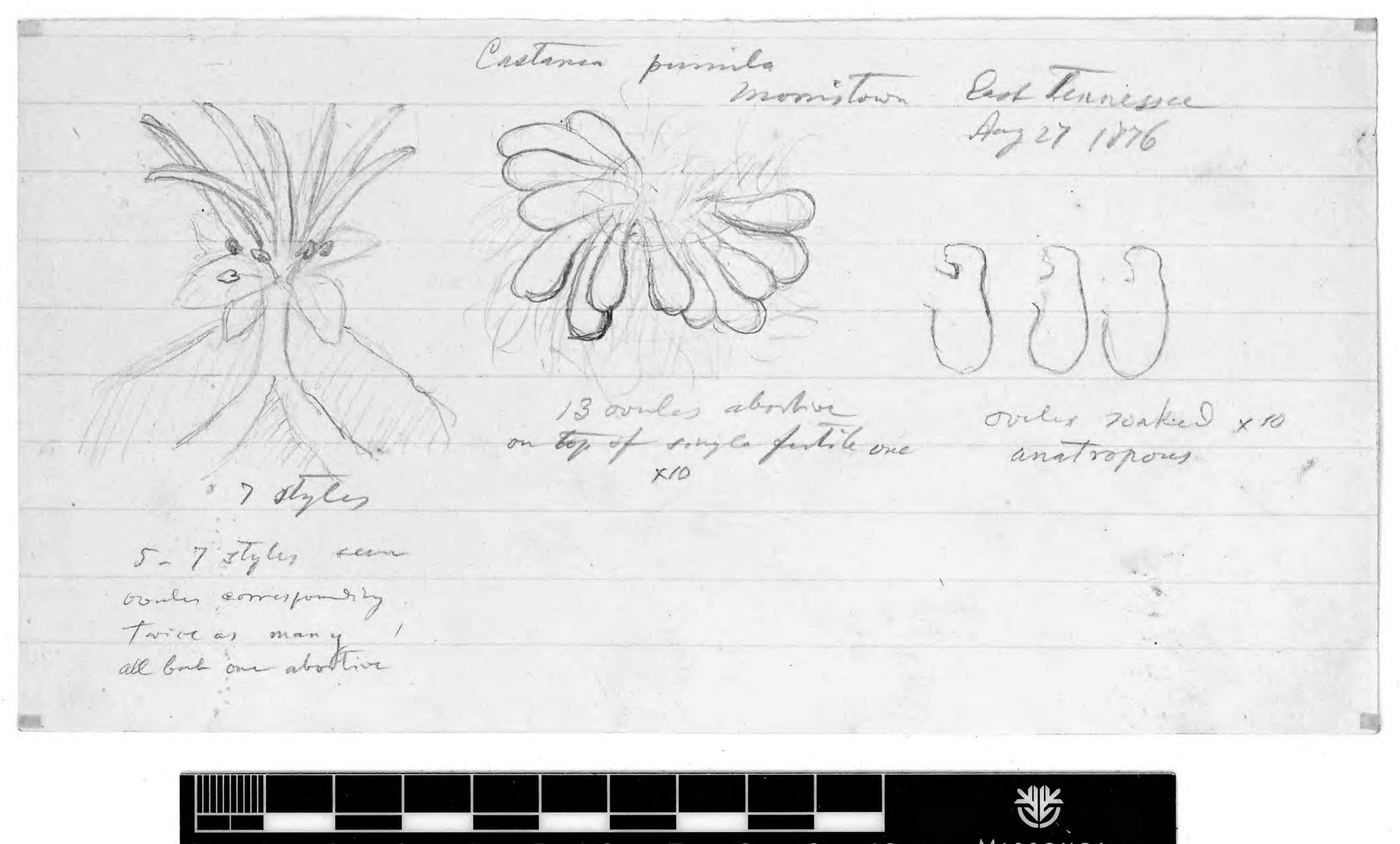
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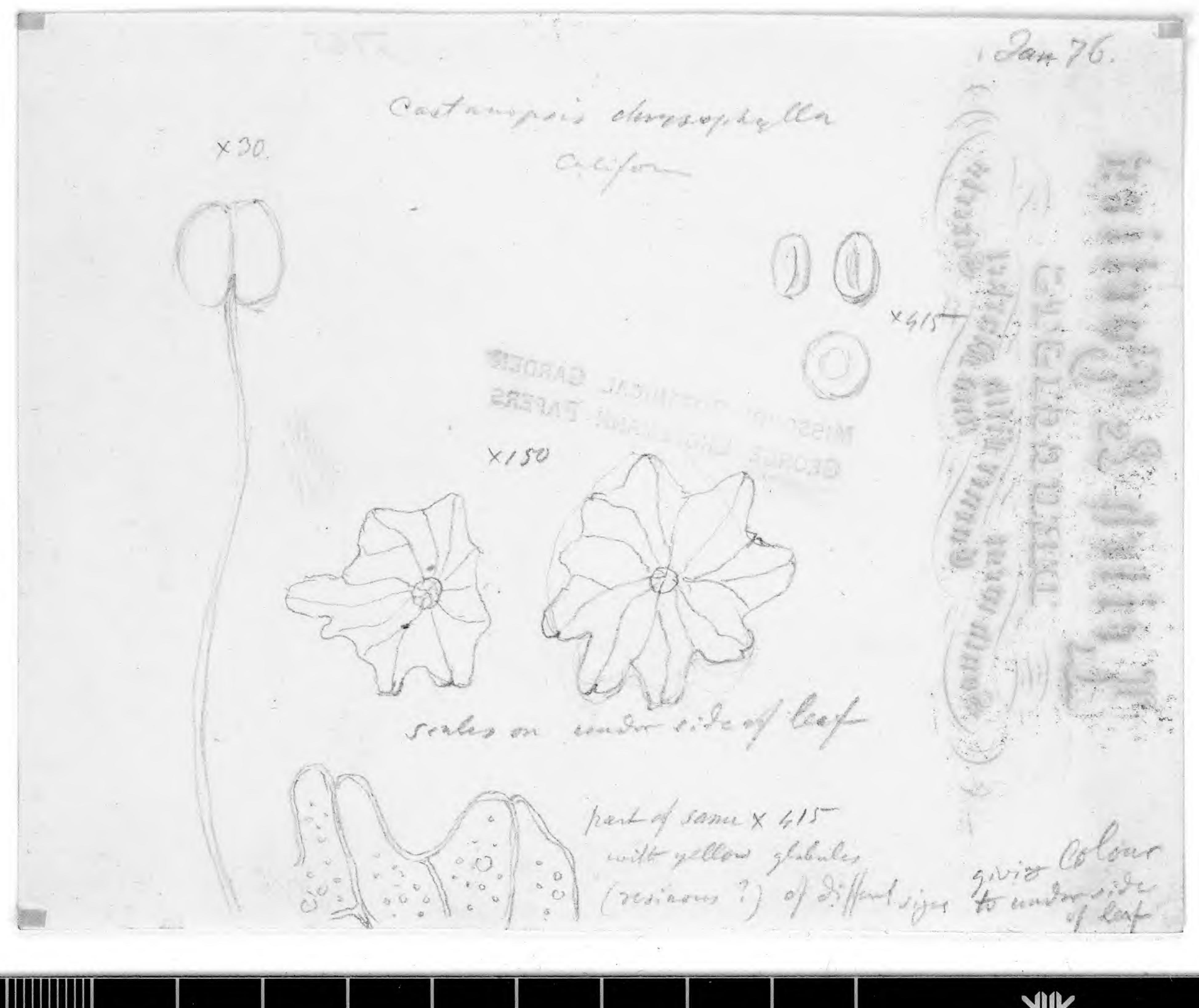
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